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SUBJECT: EAST GERMAN NATIONAL DAY

1. THE SOCIAL CLUB OF THE ROSA LUXEMBOURG ELECTRIC
LIGHT BULB FACTORY IN WARSAW WAS AN IMPECCABLY
PROLETARIAN SETTING FOR THE EAST GERMANY
NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION. HOWEVER, THE ONLY
PROLETARIANS IN EVIDENCE AMONG THE GLITTERING THrong
WERE THE WAITRESSES.

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2. THE CHARGE WAS WARMLY GREETED BY THE GDR AMBASSADOR AND DCM ON ARRIVAL. DURING LATER CONVERSATION, THEY ALLUDED TO THE GIEREK VISIT AND THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPEMENT OF POLISH-AMERICAN ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS AS BEING THE FRUITS OF A POLICY OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE. THE HOPED THAT FROM MODEST BEGINNINGS, GDR-US RELATIONSHIPS COULD FOLLOW THE SAME SUCESSFUL PATH OF DEVELOPMENT. THERE WAS ALSO SOME GOOD-NATURED BANTER ABOUT SWIMMING DIPLOMACY PLAYING A ROLE NEARLY AS IMPORTANT AS PING-PONG DIPLOMACY DID IN ITS TIME.

3. THE GDR'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY WAS, IN FACT, BY FAR THE MOST LAVISH DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION OF THE SEASON. ABOUT A THOUSAND GUESTS INCLUDING MOST OF THE POLISH POLITBURO TRIED IN VAIN TO EXHAUST THE HEAVILY LADEN BUFFET TABLES. IN THE ABSENCE OF FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK, THE POLISH REPRESENTATION AT THE AFFAIR WAS HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER JAROSZIEWICZ. ALSO PRESENT FROM THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP WERE JARUZELSKI, KRUCZEK, SZYDLAK, TEJCHMA, KEPA, LUKASZEWICZ, GUCWA, AND SUCH FIGURES FROM THE PAST AS FORMER PRIME MINISTER CYRANKIEWICZ.

4. AT A FESTIVE CONCERT HELD AT THE WARSAW OPERA BEFORE THE PARTY AT THE LIGHT BULB FACTORY, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE COUNCIL WLADYSLAW KRUCZEK GAVE THE MAIN SPEECH, REVIEWING TO MODERATE APPLAUSE THE GROWTH AND SUCCESSES OF THE GDR AND ITS GOOD RELATIONS WITH POLAND. THE IMPORTANCE OF DETENTE WAS UNDERLINED AND IT WAS OBSERVED THAT MR GIEREK'S US VISIT WOULD PLAY AN UNDOUBTED ROLE IN FURTHERING AND DEEPENING THE DENTENTE PROGRESS.

5. THERE WERE HANSOME TRIBUTES BY BOTH SIDES TO THE SMOOTH AND RAPID GROWTH OF GDR-POLISH TRADE AND THE SUCCESS OF THE 35 BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IT IS APPARENT, HOWEVER, THAT ALL IS NOT WELL IN THIS FIELD. A POLISH JOURNALIST RECENTLY TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD BEEN REFUSED AN INTERVIEW BY THE GERMAN HEAD OF THE GDR-POLISH JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION ON THE GROUNDS THAT THERE WERE TOO MAY UNRESOLVED BILATERAL PROLBEMS AND THE INTERVIEW WOULD HAVE TOO NEGATIVE TONE. THIS TENDS TO SUPORT RUMORS THAT THE EAST GERMANS BADLY WANT MORE POLISH COAL AT LOW PRICES AND THE ELIMINATION OF TRANSPORTATION BOTTLENECKS AT THE POLISH PORT OF SZCZECIN.

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